

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: March 6, 2024
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Bob Ramsey
Members absent: Keith McCord
Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 315 Males: 265 Females: 50

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Both showers have what appears to be mold/mildew/grime on the floor and corners, soap wrappers and other debris in the shower stalls. ***See notes below regarding safety issues pertaining to showers.**

Cell#1 – Occupied, has trash on the floor and paper stuck to air vents. Cell #2 – Empty and not yet cleaned. The commode are walls, floor and commode are filthy. floor and block wall separator at the commode needs to be washed and sanitized and the floor mopped and sanitized. Cell #3 – Empty and needs to be cleaned, the door also needs to be cleaned. Cell #4- Empty, floor needs to be mopped, door needs to be clean and commode area needs cleaning. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. No vehicles are being washed at the time of this visit. Cell #6 Occupied and has been cleaned but one light bulb is out and needs to be replaced. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area , floor needs to be swept and mopped. The rubber floor mat needs to be removed and cleaned, then put back and the sink and counter needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Occupied, and the commode is leaking. Cell #9 – Empty and the cell needs a general cleaning, and the floor drain is partially stopped up. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) and is in good condition except the floor. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. It is not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

***ONGOING ISSUES: Showers in intake have very rough concrete flooring and are in varying degrees of deterioration. Both showers pose the opportunity for potential personal injury, such as trip/fall hazard, cuts/abrasions to feet and other extremities. *One shower stall allows water outside of the stall leaving wet puddles that is a slip/fall hazard. The second shower has a very rough concrete bottom.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Sink and counter needs to be cleaned and the floor needs to be swept and mopped. The room is not in use at the time of inspection. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. It is clean except the floor. It needs to be mopped. Pharmacy- Organized, but this floor needs to be mopped and cleaned. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor is dirty, needs to be swept and mopped. M-3. Occupied and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Food and trash is thrown on the floor. Unidentified substance smeared on the window of the door and the door itself needs to be cleaned both inside and outside. M-4, Occupied, walls have traces of dried food/coffee on the floor the walls. The floor is extremely dirty. M-5 is occupied and needs a general cleaning of walls, floor and door. M-6 –Occupied (inmate is on an oxygen concentrator, liquid thickener and uses a wheelchair) cell is clean. M-7 is occupied and clean. The floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged. M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean except the floor. It needs to be swept and mopped. M-9

is occupied and is in good condition. M-10–Is occupied floor needs to be mopped and ceiling light covers need to be cleaned or replaced. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans need to be emptied. The shower is not in use but needs general cleaning. The last patient to use the shower left soap wrappers on the floor. The nurse’s offices were not inspected.

NOTE: **Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and damp. Patients need to have additional blankets to help them stay warm.

Inmate Rhonda Robinson reported that she has been in jail for 1 year and her time for parole violation has been flattened since November and her court date has been reset 5 times.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Cleaning was just beginning. No issues noted during this visit and no complaints or needs were registered. ***Exhaust hood over the stove needs to have the dry sprinkler system replaced.**

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. Area is clean and organized.

Library: Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). Could use a dedicated space.

C-Pod: No evidence of water intrusion at this time. ***Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no new evidence of roof leaks.**

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

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| C-1 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u> | C-2 <u>Clean (Female Pod)</u> |
| C-3 <u>Clean</u> | C-4 <u>Clean, floors need to be mopped</u> |
| C-5 <u>Clean</u> | C-6 <u>Clean</u> |
| C-7 – <u>Clean.</u> | |

C-16 Stockroom – This is where Pod Workers change. Area is neat but the floor needs to be swept and mopped.

Outside Recreation Yard – Drains appear to be open, (some graffiti on the walls won’t wash off).

Multipurpose Room: Empty, carpet needs to be vacuumed and tables need to be cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways –Clean. Dinner delivery in progress.*

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints registered during this visit.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|-----|---------|----------|----------------|--------|
| C-1 | 19 | 32 | Female Maximum | 59.38% |
| C-2 | 23 | 32 | Female Minimum | 71.88% |
| C-3 | 11 | 16 | Male Minimum | 68.75% |
| C-4 | 22 | 24 | Male Workers | 91.67% |
| C-5 | 10 | 24 | Male Minimum | 41.67% |

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| C-6 | 20 | 24 | Special Maximum | 83.33% |
| C-7 | 1 | 6 | Isolation Maximum | 16.67% |
| Total | 106 | 158 | | 67.09% |

D-Pod: Hallway is clean. Meal delivery is in progress.

The Recovery Classroom is not in use at the time of this visit but is clean and orderly.

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| D-1 Clean _____ | D-2 Clean, Ceiling tile needs be replaced_ |
| D-3 Clean, _____ | D-4 <u>Trash on floor, shower needs cleaning</u> |
| D-5 Clean _____ | D-6 Some chip bags and debris on the floor_ |

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. It is clean and not in use at the time of this visit. ***Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing.**

Recreation Yard: Drains are open and clean, some graffiti on the walls.

NOTES:

Inmate Ward complained of mold in his cell (which appears to be dirt collection where the floor meets the wall and in all four corners. Same complaint as last in January).

***The Wi-Fi connectivity continues to be an issue for D-6.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| D-1 | 29 | 32 | Min/Medium | 90.63% |
| D-2 | 32 | 32 | Medium | 100.00% |
| D-3 | 31 | 32 | Medium | 96.88% |
| D-4 | 34 | 32 | Med/Maximum | 106.25% |
| D-5 | 31 | 32 | Maximum | 96.88% |
| D-6 | 28 | 32 | Maximum | 87.50% |
| Total | 185 | 192 | | 96.35% |

Total Inmates in Pods 291 Total Capacity in Pods 350 83.14%

OTHER LOCATIONS

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Intake | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Medical | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Total | 17 | 8 | 25 |

| TYPE | Male | Female | Total | % of Capacity | % of Total |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---------------|------------|
| Federal Inmates | 57 | 6 | 63 | 18.00% | 19.94% |
| TDOC | 38 | 7 | 45 | 12.86% | 14.24% |

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| Inmate Population Logistics | Females | Males | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants | 13 | 47 | 60 |
| Pre-Trial Felons | 19 | 106 | 125 |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Sentenced Felons | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| State Department of Corrections | 7 | 38 | 45 |
| Federal Inmates | 6 | 57 | 63 |
| House Other Agency | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| No Booking Type | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 50 | 265 | 315 |

Security Class

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| Minimum | 72 |
| Medium | 199 |
| Maximum | 37 |
| Unclassified | 13 |
| Total | 321 |

| | Present | Capacity | %Full |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Females: | 50 | 64 | 78.13% |
| Males: | 265 | 286 | 92.66% |

Total: 315

Sex Offenders

| | Females | Males | Total |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1 | 30 | 31 |
| Total: | | | |